

Monitor Ongoing eGFR Modification Policy Requirements

*OPTN Minority Affairs Committee
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Purpose of Proposal

- Update and enhance ongoing policy requirements in OPTN Policy 3.7.D: Waiting Time Modifications for Kidney Candidates Affected by Race Inclusive eGFR Calculations

Proposal

- Specifically, the MAC proposes three areas for which programs must have documented, in writing, specific protocols to address the requirements of OPTN Policy 3.7.D:
 - Confirming candidate race
 - Fulfilling notification requirements
 - Seeking supporting documentation, including at a minimum what sources will be reviewed

Proposal

- Update ongoing requirements for OPTN Policy 3.7.D
 - 3.7.D.i. Notification Requirement
 - Update notification requirements to include education, eligibility, and outcome* notifications for candidates
 - Apply proposed notification requirements to kidney candidates registered on or after January 4, 2024
 - 3.7.D.ii Determination of Eligible Candidates
 - Update language to support the existing requirement that every kidney candidate registered on the OPTN waiting list is required to be assessed for eGFR Waiting time modification eligibility
 - 3.7.D.iv Reporting Requirements for Kidney Transplant Programs
 - Remove outdated language that required each program to submit attestation documentation by January 3, 2024

* When applicable

Rationale

- This policy project was referred to the Minority Affairs Committee by the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC).
- The MPSC identified an opportunity to provide more explicit direction for transplant programs after observing that transplant programs implemented the policy requirements in various ways

Member Actions

- Transplant programs would be responsible for
 - Ensuring that all kidney candidates registered to the OPTN Waiting List on or after January 4, 2024, are notified of their eligibility and any outcomes of submitted wait time modifications
 - Documenting, in writing, the program's protocol for meeting the requirements of Policy 3.7.D, and to document the program's compliance with that protocol. Specific protocols include:
 - Confirming candidate race
 - Fulfilling notification requirements
 - Seeking supporting documentation, including at a minimum what sources will be reviewed

What do you think?

- Are the more explicit notification requirements easy to understand or is additional clarification needed?
- Do community members support the application of updated, more explicit notification requirements for all candidates registered on or after January 4, 2024? Why or why not?
- What are other ways the OPTN can support patient and donor families by strengthening the evaluation requirements for eligibility for eGFR waiting time modifications?
- After reading the proposal and the updated policy language, do kidney transplant programs better understand how to meet the policy requirements? Could any areas be further clarified?
- What additional education or guidance would be helpful to programs for implementation of this policy change?

FAQs

- Can you tell me more about why the Committee opted to pursue this project at this time?
- What was the development process for this proposal?
- Why is the Committee proposing that the notification requirements should be applied to candidates registered on or after January 4, 2024?
- Can you tell me more about what it means for a programs to have “specific written protocols and thorough documentation”?

Additional Questions?

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Provide Feedback

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- January 21 – March 19, 2025
- **optn.transplant.hrsa.gov**



Regional Meeting Information

- Visit <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/about/regions/regional-meetings/> for the latest regional meeting information and meeting materials

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the OPTN website with links for 'About', 'Policies & bylaws', 'Patients', 'Professionals', 'Data & calculators', and 'News & events'. Below the navigation bar is the text 'Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network'. The main heading is 'Regional meetings'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'Home » About » Regions » Regional meetings'. On the left, there is a sidebar menu with 'WHAT IS THE OPTN', 'OPTN MEMBERSHIP', and 'GOVERNANCE'. The main content area features the heading 'Regional Meetings' followed by a paragraph: 'Regional meetings are held twice each year during the winter and summer public comment periods. Regional meetings are an opportunity to influence policy proposals, prepare for upcoming changes, and hear perspectives from the transplant community about improvements to organ allocation.' Below this is a link: 'Here's [what you can expect](#) at regional meetings. New to the public comment process? [Learn more here.](#)'

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